devotion of) the householder:[1] they have augmented
thee with butter: AGNI, to whom burnt-offerings are
made, the smoke is thy banner spread abroad in the
sky.

4. May AGSI, the ftdfiller (of all desires), come to
our sacrifice : men cherish AGNI in every dwelling:
AGNI, the bearer of oblations, has become the messenger
(of the gods): those adoring AGNI adore him as the
accomplisher of the sacrifice.

5. To thee, AGNI, this most sweet speech (is ad-
dressed); may this praise be gratification to thy
heart: pious hymns fill thee, and augment thee with
vigour, as large rivers (replenish) the sea.

6. The *Anyirasas* discovered thee, AGNI, hidden in
secret, and taking refuge from wood to wood : thou art
generated, being churned with great force; therefore
they have called thee, ANGIRAS, the son of strength.[2]

SfatTA XII. (XII.)

The deity, *Riski,* and metre as before.

7. 1 offer to the great, the adorable AGNI, the rainer
of water, the vigorous, the showerer (of benefits), the
present acceptable praise, like well-purified butter
(poured) at sacrifices into his mouth.

8. AGNI, who knowest (the purpose of) the sacri-
fice, assent to this rite : be favourable to the copious

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[3] *Udatishtko vicatvataJt*: the latter is said to designate ihe *Yajamdna,* from his especially, vt, abiding, *vasata,* in the chamber where the *agnihotra,* and other rites with fire, are celebrated.

[1] *SamoVeda, TL* 258. *Yajur-Veda,* ML 28: *Mahidhara* agrees with *Sdyanai* he adds as the explanation of *gukd, apsu,* in the waters, referring- to the familiar legend, see vol. I. p. 4, dote.